



MANY PERSONS ARE INDICTED

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES NAMES OF SUSPECTED

Details of Important Land Fraud Indictment Are Made Known Last Night--Prominent Men of California and Oregon are Involved.

LAND FRAUDULENTLY SECURED IN CURRY COUNTY

INDICTMENT ALLEGES THAT PACIFIC FURNITURE AND LUMBER COMPANY WAS AGENCY THROUGH WHICH CONSPIRACY WAS PERFECTED--POOR MEN LURED FROM THE EAST BY FALSE PROMISES.

PORTLAND, May 19.—Details of the important land fraud indictment returned by the federal grand jury on April 9th involving prominent men of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Southwest Oregon were made public tonight by United States District Attorney Bristol. The indictment, as usual charges violating section 5440 of the revised statute. The property alleged to have been fraudulently secured lies in Curry county, Oregon, and consists of 60,000 acres, practically all in one tract of fine timber land.

Names of Conspirators.

The indictment charges with conspiracy to defraud the government of timber land, by securing entrymen to file with the intention of disposing it to the alleged conspirators, Frank A. Stewart, of Oppir, Curry county, Richard D. Jones and William H. Smith, now of San Francisco, but formerly of Portland; Jeremiah Huntley, formerly United States commissioner of Curry county, Oregon; Amos S. Johnson, formerly deputy county clerk of Curry county; William T. Kerr, of Coquille, Oregon; John R. Miller of Port Orford, Oregon; Warren Gillen, and R. W. Kenny, respectively president and cashier of the Broadway Bank & Trust Company, of Los Angeles; George L. Stearns, formerly president, and Jacob C. Cross, director of the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company of Los Angeles; Dr. David M. Goodwin, Dr. A. M. Hedderly of Los Angeles; it is charged the latter became active in the management of the company; Richard Hynes, M. M. Riley and Lee R. Ayers, stockbrokers of Los Angeles; W. D. Gould, an attorney of Los Angeles and Fred W. Dennis, a broker and real estate dealer in San Francisco. It is charged that between 1901 and August 26, 1904, the accused conspired to defraud the United States of certain valuable timber land located on and along the banks of Lobster and Euehre creeks in Curry county, and by securing entrymen to file upon the land with the understanding that as soon as the patent was issued they should deed the land to the alleged conspirators.

P. F. & L. Co. Blamed.

The indictment asserts that the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company,

which is alleged to have been the active agency through which the alleged conspiracy was perfected, was organized in Los Angeles by Messrs. Cross, Goodwin, Stearns, Miller, Kerr and Jones. The indictment declares that Smith, Jones and Dennis conducted the San Francisco end of the alleged scheme. As a blind. According to the indictment, the Pacific Furniture and Lumber Company established and operated sawmills at Eureka and Port Orford and Frankfort, Oregon. It was a scheme, says the indictment to send to Nebraska, Kansas, California and other parts of Oregon and induce men to come to the places at which the mills were in operation under pretense that there was opportunity for employment in the mills.

Dastardly Plot.

It is charged that when the men arrived they were told there was no work and when they finally became penniless and reckless of the consequences the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company caused them to be approached and induced fraudulently to file on timber land desired by the company. The Broadway Bank & Trust Company is charged with having advanced the money to further the end of the alleged scheme, and Huntly and Johnston are charged with knowing the entries were made with fraudulent intent at the time. The indictment contains none of the names of the entrymen, it evidently being the intention of the government to include only the persons whom it appears to believe are principals in the supposed scheme. Stewart is charged with having procured and located part of the alleged fraudulent entrymen.

Hynes, Riley and Ayers it is charged aided the company at the Los Angeles end and Gould is charged with having acted as legal adviser, knowing the alleged fraudulent character of the company's business.

TWO DIE FROM HEAT.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Two deaths and some prostrations from the heat were reported today. The official thermometer stood at 85 degrees during the afternoon but on the streets it registered 89.

PACIFIC SQUADRON COMING TO ASTORIA.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—At Senator Fulton's request, Navy Department today telegraphed Admiral Goodrich, commanding the Pacific squadron at San Francisco, to sail at once to Portland to participate in the Made in Oregon Fair. The squadron comprises the Chicago, Marblehead, Princeton, Boston, Perry, Paul Jones and Saturn.

If the vessels start at once, they will reach Portland May 22. Last night Mayor Wise telegraphed Admiral Goodrich at San Francisco, inviting him to visit Astoria with his fleet, and extending to him the freedom of the city. No answer has been received as yet, but it is likely that most of the squadron will stay here, the depth of the river at Portland being hardly sufficient to accommodate the larger ships.

BREAK JUNE RECORD

Lumber Shipments From Columbia River District Large.

NEXT MONTH RECORD BREAKER

All Mills of This Section Will Be Worked to Full Capacity to Supply Demand from the South.

	Feet.
Barkentine Mary Winkelman...	630,000
Schooner Lottie Bennett.....	750,000
Schooner John A. Campbell.....	650,000
Barkentine Georgina	1,175,000
Schooner F. S. Renfield.....	600,000
Barkentine Echo	950,000
Schooner A. F. Coats.....	800,000
Barkentine Amelia	500,000

Total

Announcement was made yesterday that the above vessels have been engaged to load lumber at points on the Columbia River for California ports. It is the largest number of lumber carriers ever added to the list at one time, and is due to the unprecedented demand at San Francisco for building material. Seldom has more than 6,000,000 feet of lumber been taken coastwise from the Columbia River in the course of a month.

Every craft mentioned is on the coast and will be ready to leave for the north on short notice. Some will probably sail today, and if weather is favorable will arrive the latter part of the month. In addition to these, about a dozen other coasters were engaged some time ago, having an aggregate carrying capacity of close to 10,000,000 feet. So the coastwise lumber traffic in June gives promise of reaching far greater proportions than ever before in a like period of time.

Besides, five large steamships, not including the British steamship Kilburn, now loading are under charter to take lumber cargoes here for foreign ports, as is also the German ship Emile.

To supply cargoes for this vast fleet it is thought that the management of the several mills will be obliged to pay the loggers the price they demand. In fact, it is believed that some sort of understanding has been reached between the two interests, or such a large number of craft would not have been chartered. Word also comes from a reliable source that many more coasters will be added to the list as soon as they are

available. Fear is entertained by shippers that the great demand for tonnage will have the effect of causing charter rates to advance. So far the quotations stand at about \$4.75 a 1000 feet for the transportation of lumber from the Columbia River to San Francisco on sailing vessels.

ACCOUNTANT WINS.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Before a crowd of 30,000, Harry Brown's, Accountant, at 7 to 2, won the historic Withers stake at Belmont Park today. Half a length back came Bohemian, 4 to 1 to 5 with Griffith, 2 to 1, third. Today's time, 1:38 4-5 is the fastest ever hung out for this race.

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 19.—Five persons, all connected with one of the prominent families of James county, Tenn., were drowned as the result of the overturning of a boat this afternoon in the Tennessee river. The catastrophe occurred near Norman, 12 miles north of here.

POPE PIUS IN PAIN

Gout Causes Priestly Potentate to Seek His Bed.

TO MUCH FOOD; NO EXERCISE

Pious Old Pope Will Not Obey His Doctors and as Result is Compelled to Stay in Bed—Considerable Inflammation Present.

ROME, May 19.—Although the condition of Pope Pius IX, who was ordered to bed today by his physicians, is not grave, some apprehension is felt at the frequency of his gout attacks through exposure to cold, and his disordered digestion and fatigue.

The present attack seems to have had its original of trouble by the Pope walking to St. Peter's last Sunday for the beatification of Julie Billiart. Returning to his apartment from St. Peter's his holiness was quite warm and passing through the thickly walled vatican courtyards where the atmosphere is damp, he refused to put on his coat. When the first symptoms of trouble occurred he refused to rest and to take proper care of himself and insisted on giving long and fatiguing audiences to all the dignitaries of the dominican order. Gout which had previously only attacked his foot now has reached the left knee, which is considerably swollen and is giving him acute pain. Considerable inflammation is present. The temperature of his holiness today was 99.

COAST BASEBALL SCORES.

Northwest League.

At Tacoma—Tacoma 6, Butte 2.
At Aberdeen—No game; rain.
Pacific Coast League.
At Portland—Oakland 10, Portland 5.
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 3, Fresno 2.
At Seattle—Seattle 1, San Francisco 0.

ROBBERS IDENTIFIED.

BELLINGHAM, May 19.—A special from Vancouver, B. C., to the Herald says that Mill Miner, "Shorty" Dunn, and Lewis Calhoun were committed for trial at Kamloops today. All three are positively identified. The trio will probably be tried at the criminal assizes which start Monday.

FOREST FIRES LEAVE RUIN IN THEIR WAKE

Terrible Conflagrations in Northwestern Michigan Destroy Many Lives and Millions of Dollars in Property--Five Counties Devastated.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS

ONE HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY ARE SWEEPED BY DEVOURING FLAMES—FIRE HAS NOW DIED DOWN AND HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO RUINED DWELLINGS DANGER NOT OVER.

MILWAUKEE, May 19.—A dispatch to the Sentinel from Escanaba, Mich., says that four are known to be dead, a score or more missing, hundreds of families homeless, several millions of dollars in property burned, four towns wiped out entirely and a dozen more partially, five counties are devastated and one hundred square miles of territory are fire swept.

This is the dreadful picture the Northwestern Michigan Peninsula presents today after the worst forest fire since the Peshtigo disaster in 1871. General Superintendent Wells of the Escanaba and Lake Superior railroad, returned tonight from a trip over the fire stricken area, and the flames are gone down and for the time being the danger is over unless a new gale arises to again fan the embers into flames.

The following summary briefly tells the story.

Peter Lafonda, cook, smothered to death at Katos.

Three unknown children dead at Quinnesec, Mich., were separated from their parents and burned to death. Scores of homesteaders and woodmen are missing and many have probably perished in the flames.

Territory devastated: Marquette, Delta, Menominee, Alger and Dickinson counties.

Towns totally burned: Talbot, Saunders, Quinnesec and Niagara, Wis.

Towns partially burned: Northland, Cornell, Antoine, Spring Valley, Kingsley, Woodlawn, Foster City, Sala and Metropolitan.

Reports all show the fire was fully as serious as at first reported.

The burned area extends from a point ten miles out of Escanaba to Talbot on the south to Channing and Quinnesec on the west to Sands on the north and back to Escanaba.

Fires Smoulder For Weeks.

It is within this district that a thousand or more small fires have been smouldering for weeks. Nothing was thought of these fires because they were not considered dangerous, but it only needed a wind to fan them into a mighty sheet of flames. This wind came Friday afternoon. Toward noon the wind began to blow from the west at a rate of

thirty miles an hour. By 2 o'clock the velocity was forty miles, and by 4, the small fires seemed to have, united in one large one that extended over a 50-mile stretch and swept along with a fury no human hand could stay. The flames seemed to center from a place called Northland and from there swept toward Escanaba. Throughout the territory hundreds of woodmen were put to work to stop the fires, but it could not be fought. It marched on and only by diverting its path were some of the towns saved. In turn woodmen, homesteaders, farmers and residents of the towns fled from the path of the flames. At Talbot and Quinnesec a hard fight was put up, but in the end the places had to be abandoned. Water was scarce, but even where it was plentiful, it was no avail in combatting the flames. While this scene of horror and despair was being enacted in the fire stricken territory there was also a panic in the neighboring cities miles from the fire lines.

Refugees Return to Homes.

Most of the refugees were taken back today when it was supposed the fires had died down, but most found nothing when they reached the spot where their home had stood. This morning the wind gradually died down and the flames lost their fury, but the fires are not out. They still smoulder and although they are not spreading it would only need a fresh wind to start them again in all their fury.

HORSES KILLED BY WATER.

HELENA, May 19.—One hundred and ten horses enroute from the state of Washington to North Dakota died today at Billings. It is said the animals perished from drinking freely of cold water at Helena, after going a long time without food.

BOYS LOCATED.

HELENA, May 19.—A special from Billings says that the nine Italian boys reported kidnapped in North Denver and brought to this section to work in a sugar field have been located near Joliet, Carbon county. The Denver authorities were notified.

TORRENTIAL RAIN DELUGES WHOLE VESUVIAN DISTRICT

NAPLES, May 19.—The Vesuvius region was again inundated today by a torrential rain which fell so heavily that a mighty river is now coursing down the side of the volcano, carrying everything before it and sweeping trees, lava,

houses and animals out of its path. The population is in a state of great panic. The torrent which is composed of mud clinders and ashes is about twelve feet wide and in some places as much as eighteen feet deep. Two deaths are already recorded from drowning.

REPLY TO THE THRONE IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.—The week closes with suspense over what the next few days will bring forth but it is already certain the emperor and the government do not regard the address of the lower house as an ultimatum beyond a demand for amnesty which the em-

peror will seek to satisfy. Partial pardon for political offenders will be granted and other demands in the address will be considered, declarations of opinion upon which the emperor is not called to pass until the final expression by legislative enactment.